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INERMIA VITTATA POEY.

In his *Memorias* (1861) Professor Poey described a dainty little fish from Cuba under the name of *Inermia vittata*. In the appendix to the same volume he referred the species to the genus *Emmelichthys* Richardson, an error in which he was followed by Jordan and Gilbert. No subsequent writer seems to have found the species. I have just received, however, from Dr. Jan Metzelaar of the Netherlands Bureau of Fisheries, a fine specimen from Curaçao. This shows that the genus has no close relation to the Emmelichthyidae (*Emmelichthys*; *Erythrocles* = *Erythrichthys*, preoccupied; and *Boxaodon*), this family being characterized by the very broad scaly maxillary, not covered by the preorbital sheath. In *Inermia* as in the closely allied East Indian genus, *Dipterygonotus* Bleeker, the maxillary is narrow, scaleless, and completely sheathed by the preorbital. The two genera may constitute a distinct family, Dipterygonotidae. This group is perhaps allied to the Mænidae, (*Maenas*, *Spicara*, *Centracanthus*) differing at least in the separation of the dorsals, in the terete body and in the less protactibility of the upper jaw.

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OBSERVATIONS ON YOUNG BLUEFISH

A series of 31 specimens of the Bluefish, *Pomatomus saltatrix*, taken in the pound nets at Young's Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., August, 1920, were found to be of the following sizes:

Total length, 14 cm. (1 example); 15 cm. (1); 16 cm. (2); 17 cm. (5); 18 cm. (8); 19 cm. (7); 20 cm. (3); 21 cm. (3); 24 cm. (1).

Apparently they were all of less than a year in age with the possible exception of the largest individual, which might have been a laggard from the spawning of 1919.

On examining the stomachs of these fish, it was